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SUBJECT: AFGHAN VIEWS ON THE PUERTO RICO ISSUE

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1. SUMMARY: IN A MEETING ARRANGED AT MY REQUEST
ON JULY 31, FOREIGN MINISTER HAFIZULLAH AMIN SAID
HE WAS PLEASED THAT THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO ARE
BEING OFFERED A CHANCE TO VOTE FOR INDEPENDENCE,
BUT THINKS THAT THEY WILL OPT FOR SOME TYPE OF
CONTINUING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S. AMIN DECLINED
TO REVEAL HOW AFGHANISTAN WOULD VOTE IN THIS YEAR'S
COMMITTEE OF 24 CONSIDERATION OF THE PUERTO RICO
ISSUE. END OF SUMMARY.

2. ON JULY 31, I PRESENTED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER
A COPY OF THE PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION OF JULY 25
TO THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO AND COVERED WITH
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HIM THE TALKING POINTS SUGGESTED IN THE REFTTEL
(WHICH WERE REPEATED IN AN AIDE-MEMOIRE I LEFT
WITH HIM). I DECIDED TO INCLUDE THE OPTIONAL
POINT IN PARAGRAPH 7, EXPRESSING OUR APPRECIATION
FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT
LAST YEAR ON THE MOTION TO ADJOURN COMMITTEE
DISCUSSION ON THE CUBAN RESOLUTION.

3. AMIN LISTENED WITH WHAT APPEARED TO BE GENUINE INTEREST. HE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT INDEPENDENCE WAS AMONG THE OPTIONS BEING OFFERED TO THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE, BUT CONJECTURED THAT THEY WOULD PROBABLY CHOOSE SOME TYPE OF CONTINUING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES FOR REALISTIC ECONOMIC REASONS.

4. AMIN, HOWEVER, GAVE NO INDICATION AS TO WHAT POSITION AFGHANISTAN WOULD BE TAKING THIS YEAR IN THE COMMITTEE OF 24.

5. COMMENT: I HAVE NOW DISCUSSED OUR VIEWS ON PUERTO RICO WITH AMIN ON TWO SEPARATE OCCASIONS AND I AM CERTAIN THAT HE HAS A FEELING FOR THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO IT. NO DOUBT, THE NEW REGIME HERE PROBABLY WILL FIND IT A BIT UNCOMFORTABLE KNOWING THAT THEIR POSITION THIS YEAR WILL BE COMPARED WITH THE HELPFUL VOTE OF THE DAOUD REGIME LAST YEAR. WHILE WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE NEW AFGHAN GOVERNMENT WILL BE SENSITIVE TO WHAT WE CONSIDER A VITAL U.S. INTEREST, WE ARE ALSO MINDFUL OF THE NEW AFGHAN REGIME'S PREDELICITION FOR CLOSE RELATIONS WITH CUBA.

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6. SINCE THE AFGHAN DELEGATION IN NEW YORK IS HANDICAPPED BY ERRATIC COMMUNICATIONS WITH KABUL AND HAS THEREFORE OPERATED RATHER INDEPENDENTLY ONCE IT BECAME INVOLVED IN UN SESSIONS, WE WELCOMED THE OPPORTUNITY TO WEIGH IN BEFORE THE DELEGATION'S DEPARTURE AND, PRESUMABLY, WHILE INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DELEGATION ARE STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION.
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